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Fickle Nancie Petticord Sets the Whole Town By the Ears.

SHE WON HIM WITH A CORPSE.

A San Francisco Girl's Unique Device - Whispered in the Bridegroom's Ear-Widower Against Bachelor - Cats Her Only Companions.

Little Romances. The village of Winchester, W. Va., has been very much stirred up over the announcement of the marriage of Miss Nannie Petticord, an heiress. During a visit to Missouri last summer she won the affections of G. A. Goodman, of Hamilton. Atter her return home she kept up a correspondence with him, and their affection for each other soon grew into, love and from love into an engagement Invitations for their marriage in Winchester were issued, and one of them was sent to Thomas Jackson, of Clare county, who was also one of Miss Petticord's suitors. On receiving the announcement he at once sought an interview with Miss Petticord, and between sobs and toars, told how he loved her, and that her marriage to another would kill him. This softened her heart, and she then and there consented to cancel the engagement with the Missourian. She wrote him that she had changed her mind and that she loved another. Goodman, on receiving the notice, took the first train, arriving at Winchester more than a week arriving at Winchester more than a week ago. He, too, sought an interview with Miss Petticord, and she promised to be his partner. Thinking he had everything his own way, Goodman went to his hotel, but Jackson called and made another more affecting appeal, and her mind was again changed. This was kept up for a week, first one and then the other being the victor. one and then the other being the victor. Pools were sold on the result, and nothing else was talked of in Winchester. One Sunday evening Goodman had an engagement to call, and, getting tired of the tickieness of the woman, concluded to take with him a minister and a deense and settle the matter bayond recall. Imagine his chagrin to find that Jackson had called half an hour before, armed with a license and minister, and when Goodman arrived he found that Jackson had

The body of a young woman was found floating in the rippling water of the bay off the battery at San Francisco the other day. The face was handsome and refined looking A wealth of golden brown hair fell in ring lets below her waist. The clothing on the body was good and of fine quality. Small high-heeled slippers of French glove kid and silk stockings covered the extremities, and on the small, well-shaped hands was a pair of black kid gloves. The body was taken to the morgue, and while there hundreds of men and women called to see it, but no one identified it. The story was printed in the Evening World and attracted widespread attention. Among the many who read it was Laura Wilder, who was living with a friend named Linda Garis in a quiet boarding house on East Twenty-seventh street. The girls were young and handsome, but while Miss Garis was usually bright and vivacious, Miss Wilder seemed sad and despondent, as if she had met with some great sorrow.

Gradually her story became known through the medium of Miss Garis.

She had been engaged to be married to a young man in South Easton, Pa., named Fred Bowman. He was of a very jealous disposition. She was very high tempered, and when he met her on the street in Easton one night talking to a male acquaintance, he accused her of being faise to him and spoke words that should never have been said. words that should never have been said. She replied spiritedly, and he went away, She replied spiritedly, and he went away, saying she would never see him again. He disappeared, and after waiting a few days for him to return, she came to New York. Miss Garis, a friend of her childhood, and who was to have been her bridesmaid, accompanied her. Miss Wilder was on the verge of desperation when she heard of the finding of the unknown woman's body in the water, and her first thought was: "Why should have go and end my troubles as this should I not go and end my troubles as this poor creature has done." But, upon reflecting, another and a brighter idea came to her mind and she determined to act upon it. mind and she determined to act upon it After consulting with Miss Garis Miss Wilder went to the morgue and asked Keeper Fogarty to show her the body. He did so, and then she coolly identified it as being the body of Laura Wilder, of South Easton, Pa.

Questioned by Fogarty, she gave her name and Laura's and

as Linda Garis, a cousin of Laura's, and then went on to tell of "poor Laura's heavy heart since Fred Bowman deserted her." She refused to give her address, but when going away promised to return next day with Laura's parents, whom she said she would telegraph for. She returned to her boarding house, and then waited with Miss Garis to see how their ruse would result. It worked to perfection. Every newspaper published the fact that the body had been identified as that of Laura Wilder, and the news was tel-egraphed far and wide. Fred Bowman saw it in a paper in a western train and then he realized what his foolish jealousy had caused him. He immediately telegraphed money to Warden O'Rourke, of Hellevue Hospital, to bury the girl, and came in post-haste to at-tend the funeral and take, as he thought, one last look at the face of the girl he loved so well. On his arrival at the morgue he was most agreeably surprised to find, upon looking at the body, that it was not that of Miss Wilder. He went away puzzled to know who could have identified her as such, and for what reason. He had not gone many steps he heard a sweet voice say softly

He turned about, and there before him stood Laura. "My Laura." he murmured fondly, and

There that me humared ionaly, and there they embraced, careless of everyone.

She had been on the watch for him every day since she had made the false identification, and as she bad thought, her lover did come to see if she had really passed from his life forever. They went to Laura's boarding house and a quiet marriage followed. house and a quiet marriage followed.

Mr. Bowman's money buried the dead woman's body. She was interred in Evergreen cemetery, and perhaps some day her story may be made known.

J. E. Hutcherson, a popular Mobile & Ohio railroad freight conductor, of Jackson, Tenu., was engaged to marry Miss Bettie McDaniel, of Dyer, Tenn., and went up to consummate the vows. A friend advised him not to marry the girl, but he insisted. The pair were on the floor when the friend spoke to him again and he left the house declaring he would not marry. The bride's friends followed him to the depot, threatening trouble if he did not return. The train pulled in about that time, and he boarded it and went to Humboidt. He telegraphed Trainmaster McKivitt to take time and settle his outstanding debts that he was going to Mexico. The affair has caused a scusation. Miss McDaniel, who belongs to a respectable family, is almost heart-broken. It is said that the statements which caused the trouble were of a serious nature.

One of the most sensational marriages took place not far from Vilia Rica the other took place not far from Villa Rica the other morning that has ever happened in that part of Georgia. Not far out from town a farmer resides who had a daughter possessing more than ordinary beauty and accomplishments, whose heart two gentlemen sought. It became evident to each of the gentlemen that she had only one heart and that she would marry one of them soon. For a week, Madame Rumor has it, the lamp was not extinguished, because of one or the other calling on her, and "they say" she promised

tinguished, because of one or the other calling on her, and "they say" she promised each one to take him.

One of these gentlemen was a young widower and the other a handsome young fellow of about twenty-three summers. It is said the old folks were rather inclined to the young widower, and the young lady preferred the young man, and so the fight went bravely on until the community for a mile or two around took sides with the boys. For a week pools were sold on the boys. One day widower stock would be way up yonder, and perhaps in less than a day the young man stock would run up.

man stock would run up.

One Saturday evening the young man came to town to try to get up a settlement of the matter, but before he could gain an audience with the young widower he received a dispatch to come at once, for, behold, all things were ready, and to come quickly; not to con-

sume any time inviting them in. When he reached the farm the bird had flows and was Now comes Sunday, the great day of the

Now comes Sunday, the great day of the struggie. The young widower was on hand. The prize was brought out and she was informed that he was now ready. She begged time. He told her, "No; now or never," so far as he was concerned.

The prescher asked them if they were likely to "reach a verdict." Her reply was "More time." He told them he would be compelled to be traveling to reach his appointment. But as has been stated, the young widower remained on his knees and kept plending. Finally she yielded and a courier was dispatched for the preacher, who was overtaken some distance away, who was overtaken some distance away, thinking over what his text should be under such trying circumstances. He was nurried back and the young widower captured the prize In a moment the news flashed over the settlement and the excitement reached fever heat. At one time there seemed to be trouble brewing among the friends of the two rivals. As a result the following mar-

riage notice is printed:

Married—At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Nathan V. Stalling, Mr. J. E. Conner to Miss Eliza Stalling, the Rev. J. R. T. Browning performing the ceremony.

A hermit has just been discovered living on the banks of the Raritan river only a few miles from New Brunswick. The hermit is a woman over eighty years old and lives alone with an old servant in a secluded mansion in the woods. She is reported to be very weaithy, and although most of the rooms in the bouse are never used they are handsomely furnished. The hermit keeps to her room, and has not looked on a human face but that of her old servant for thirty-two years. Thirty-three years ago she was disappointed in love, and although a reigning belle and heiress, she withdrew from all society. Her meals are served to her on gold and silver dishes, and she still possesses the fine dresses and lewshe still possesses the line dresses and jew-elry of her bygone days. She has never slept on a bed since her disappointment. The old woman spends her time in reading the thousands of old dusty volumes in the bookcase in her room. She is the last sur-vivor of an old family and declines to hold vivor of an old family and declines to hold intercourse with anyone. She has twenty-eight cats, fifteen dogs and a goat, which she feeds on the choicest viands, and when any of her pets die she orders that they be buried in expensive coffus by an undertaker and her wishes are faithfully carried out by the old servant. Her jeweis are kept in an iron-bound box in her room. Her estate is large and is looked after by a prominent lawyer, who transacts all business through the servant. The place is thought to be haunted by the ignorant who shun it. There are people who say that they have seen the old servant digging in the woods by the light of a lantern, and this fact they think has given rise to the ghost stories. A large amount of money and valuables is said to be buried in the woods surrounding the house. The hermit's name is Herritt.

A sensational case was tried in Justice Patrick's court, in Tacoma, the other night, two Italians, Martin Petreck and Santos Cordova. being principals. Cordova was the self-as-sumed guardian of a pretty, dark-eyed Ital-ian girl. He clothed and educated her and intended some day to make her his wife. About April 1 Petreck appeared upon the scene and also fell in love with the maiden, and proposed marriage, but the young lady told him that Santos had a uen on her affections. Petreck asked Santos what he would take for his chances. He set the price at \$150, and a bargain was made. Petreck paid Cordova \$50 in cash and gave him a note for \$100 payable in two years, for which consideration Cordova gave up all claim to the maiden. Petreck was not as happy as he expected to be. The maiden did not lavish upon him the same affection that she had shown Cordova. He got tired of the bargain and wanted to trade back. He finally secured the note for \$100, but Cordo va was obstinate as to the \$50 and he was sued. 'The court decided that an illegal contract had been made, the terms of which could not be enforced. Cordova won the suit and the plaintiff had to pay the costs. The maiden thinks Petreck had a mercenary Cordova, her first love.

Crampel, one of De Brazza's assistants in the French Congo territory, has just sur-prised all his friends by bringing to France young black woman who was him as a wife during his recent explorations east of the Ogowe river. She is a young savage of rather pleasing features and graceful form and carriage, who still feels open-mouthed astonishment about every-thing she sees. When Mr. Grenfel married a native of Africa a while ago his choice was a coast girl who had been nurtured for years at a mission station, and who was a civilized and christian young person. But the dusky flower that Crampel has brought home with him was plucked from the depths of savage Africa. Neither she nor any of her people had ever seen a white man be-

Crampel started eleven mouths ago with thrity carriers to make a journey through the unknown regious northeast of the Ogowe. After weeks of traveling he reached a great forest region directly east of the district explored by Du Chaillu, where no white man had ever been before. This is the country of the M'fangs, whose language differed so greatly from any with which the explorer was acquainted that he had the greatest difficulty in communicating with the natives. pitable reception, and he spent several weeks with them. When he was about to go away one of the chiefs came to him leading a very dark and nearly nude belle of the tribe. He told the white man that he liked him, and as a mark of his esteem he wished to present him with one of his own daughters. He said she was the daughter of a chief, and must not be made a slave, but if the white man would take her for his wife he might man would take her for his wife he might have her. Offers of this sort are often made to African explorers, and they usually decline with thanks the delicate proposal. Crampel, however, said he would take the girl as his wife, and that young person, nothing ioth, set out with the explorer for the sea, and has probably bid a last farewell to be usually forests. It is not known whether her native forests. It is not known whether Crampel's choice is approved by his relations, but he seems to be satisfied, and of course he will take the girl back to Africa with him will take the girl back to Atrica with him when he returns. Among the interesting discoveries made by Crampel is that of a large dwarf tribe, who are doubtless identi-cal with or allied to the O Bongo dwarf discovered by Du Chaillu.

A pretty story, pretty enough to be true, is told of Princess Louise, who recently wedded the Earl of Fife. It seems this shy royal maiden had been "stuck on" the earl for years, in fact, even before she came out; but she had never told her love, nor did the earl tell his until a kind court busybody, guessing the secret, went to papa with it. And during all these five years the princess always bought a birthday present for the man she loved, but as she never dared give it to him the little gift was laid away in a drawer and carefully locked up.

There is something exceedingly touching in this fit of girlish sentiment, and, with it in mind, no wonder the Prince of Wates

spoke of his daughter's engagement as one of pure affection. A girl like this will make a tender, loving wife.

A Modern Martna's Martyrdom. A certain woman, says a writer in the Atlanta Constitution, had a large family and little means, but, being possessed of untiring energy and great ambition, she managed to make her means go far. She toiled early and late that her house might be spotlessly clean, her children weil dressed and her table spread with good things. But it came to pass at length she noticed she was growing blind. She could work as well as ever, but she often heard friends speak of seeing things which she could not see at all, and many things which had been bright to her began now to grow dim. And her husband, when he asked her to walk with him into untried paths, noticed that she often stumpled and seemed not to see her way. And he saw that she was going blind, and it grieved him, and he said: "Mary, you are going blind. Can you not spare your eyes in some way, and care for them that they grow strong again? Take less care in the household and more of your sight. I entreat you.

But she answered him indignantly: "What, take time from my houshold and my children for so selfish a purpose! Never! I will do my duty, and if I am blind-I am blind."

And he sorrowed much, and redoubled his efforts to make money, that she might have time to save her sight. But as her means increased so also increased her ambition and her pride. Her bousehold achievements were known throughout the land. Fortyseven different kinds of cake did she make and thirty-nine varieties of pie, and her house was filled with beautiful embroideries and fine needle work done with her own hands. But her blindness increased, and in the untried paths her husband walked alone. And her children grew. And by and

by came one of them to her and said:
"Mother, the way before my feet is
dark. Icannot see. Come thou with
me and show me to the light." And in sorrow the mother answered. 'I cannot come, my child, for I am

And another came and said: "Mother, sehold for me a new heaven and a new earth; for the things of my childhood seem to have passed away, and in their stead are all things new --- filled with wonders to be explained, and marvelous things that I would understand. Come, teach me how I may learn of them.' And with deepened sadness the moth-

er answered him, too: "I cannot come, my child, for I am blind." Then the third come and said: "Mother, see! a great mountain is here. long for the wonderful view I could gain from its summit. Lead me, I beseech you, to the top, lest I fail to find the way."
And him she answered as she had an-

swered the others." So her childern went from her, and behold, soon there came to lie between her and them a distance like a great gult, bridged only by their love and hers But save in the flashes of sight which came to her at times, she knew it not for she was blind.

And another women had also small means and a large family. She, too, toiled early and late that they might be well fed and clothed. But when to her came the knowledge come to her that she was threatened with blindness, she said: "This thing shall not be. For my

husband's sake, and for my children's sake, I must save my sight." So she set apart each day some time when she could care for her eyes, and do things blindness. And with this care her eyes grew strong and her sight clear, even clearer than in her youth. And it was so that when she waiked with her husband in an untried path, it was she who

was his guide and helped him on. But it happened by this means her table was not filled with dainties, but only with plain substantial food and her children went often, day after day in

clean gingham gowns.

And her children grew. And by and by came one of them to her side and said: "Mother, the way is dark, show me how I shall walk in it.'

And her clear sight showed her in the darkness a light, and she said: "Walk on, my son, I will direct you."
And she directed him until he, too saw the light, and was glad. And when another came and told her of the wonders which heaven and earth

presented to him how to interpret mir acles and understand the marvels. And for another she pointed out the path up the rugged mountain side and stood with him at the top looking out on the beauties which lay before them. So it was that ever she walked with her husband and children, directing

and guiding them. And she was to them a light in dark places. And one of these women was foolish and the other wise.

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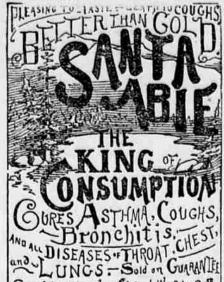
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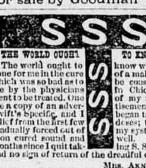
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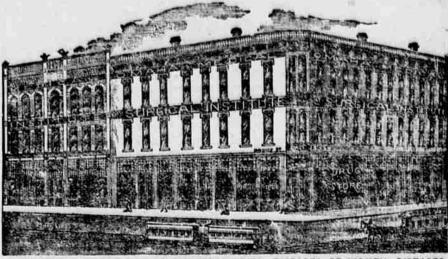
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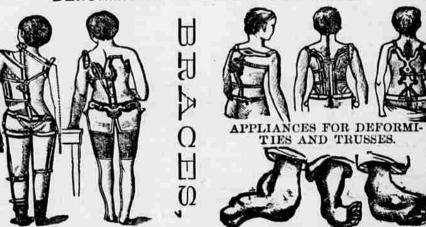
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